

CONTENT PROTECTION FOR DIGITAL MEDIA

Abstract of the Disclosure

In general, the invention allows for content protection of digital data by

5 intentionally introducing errors introduced within error correction information during the production or generation of an original digital medium, or any authorized copy thereof. The errors may be introduced within error correction information corresponding to the stored content, such as a software application, audio or video file, or within a stored "access key" used to access the content. The

10 errors may be introduced, for example, at the time of manufacturing of the medium or when making an authorized copy of digital data. When authenticating digital media, the erroneous error correction information is disregarded and corresponding "raw" uncorrected data is used for authentication purposes.